



Chairman Kevin Martin
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 06-74

Dear FCC Commissioners:

I am writing to urge your approval of the AT&T-BellSouth merger. As President of The Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce I have been carefully following the merger's progress and particularly the developments of the past few days. It is clear to me that this merger will serve the public interest and greatly benefit customers of the combined company.

The commitments that AT&T recently announced for much greater broadband affordability and availability are especially beneficial to chamber members within the Augusta Region. Access to broadband is of great concern to my membership. Approval of the merger will address this critical need by offering truly *affordable* and *ubiquitous* service.

The Augusta area consists of considerable rural territory and AT&T's commitment to provide broadband service to all residential customers in its serving area will help increase the attractiveness of our entire area to businesses looking to relocate or expand.

I urge the Commission to approve the merger of AT&T and BellSouth promptly so that consumers can benefit as soon as possible from the broadband provisions this merger offers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sue Parr
President and CEO
Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce

cc: Marlene Dortch, Commission Secretary